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FROM: PARIS 6:54 PM. info Secretary of State TO: RMR 3412, MARCH 17, 10 PM NO: 38 W G. SENT DEPARTMENT 3412 REPEATED INFORMATION LONDON 757 BONN 371 SP MOSCOW 225 C SAE DEPT PASS DEFENSE L INR BONN PASS BERLIN 122 FROM HILLENBRAND REFERENCE: PARA 3, PARIS 3387 DRAFT REPORT TO NAC PREPARED BY BRIT APPROVED BY WG RPT WG AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION TODAY. WILL BE MADE BY FRENCH PERMREP MARCH 18. SUMMARY FOLLOWS. BASING ITS WORK ON "QUESTIONNAIRE" WHICH NAC MEMBERS WILL HAVE STUDIED, WORKING GROUP ENDEAVORING PREPARE OUTLINE OF PROPOSALS WEST MIGHT MAKE AT EVENTUAL CONFERENCE. DIFFICULTY THIS TASK EVIDENT FROM EXAMINATION OF VARIOUS PAPERS CIRCULATED IN NAC WHICH MAKE WIDE VARIETY CONFLICTING SUGGESTIONS, WORKING GROUP HAS ATTEMPTED DISCUSS QUESTIONS WHICH MUST BE ANSWERED . THESE ARE: 1) GERMAN REUNIFICATION AND EUROPEAN SECURITY. SINCE SOVIETS WILL PRESUMABLY NOT NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY ON REUNIFICATION, A BASIC QUESTION IS WHETHER ANY SECURITY MEASURES CAN BE CONSIDERED IN ANTICIPATION REUNIFICATION AND HOW EXECUTION SECURITY MEASURES SHOULD BE CONNECTED WITH PROGRESS TOWARD REUNIFICATION. IF FREE ELECTIONS TO BE HELD AT LATER STAGE IN PROCESS REUNIFICATION THEN

HERETOFORE CONTEMPLATED, QUESTION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR

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BE DEVELOPED NOT ONLY FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS BUT TO EXERT MAGNETISM OF WEST GERMANY UPON EAST. IT IS WESTERN POLICY THAT REUNIFIED GERMANY SHOULD HAVE FREE CHOICE RE: ALLIANCES.

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WORKING GROUP HAS DISCUSSED PROBLEM BUT NOTHING DECIDED.
QUESTION OF PRIOR FORMATION OF ALL-GERMAN GOVT MUST BE
CONSIDERED. THREE POSSIBILITIES FOR WEST: (A) PUT FORWARD
NO PEACE TREATY UNTIL ALL GERMAN GOVT FORMED; (B) PUT
FORWARD PRINCIPALS; (C) PRODUCE A DRAFT. VARIOUS ARGUMENTS
FOR AND AGAINST THESE COURSES. (THESE ARGUMENTS SPELLED
OUT IN SOME DETAIL IN REPORT).

- 3) BERLIN. POSSIBLE PROPOSALS DEPEND ON ANSWER TO BASIC QUESTION AS TO WHETHER WEST SHOULD INSIST ON PRESENT BASIS OF PRESENCE IN BERLIN OR SHOULD CONSIDER POSSIBILITY CHANGE FROM BASIS CONQUEST TO CONTRACT WHICH WOULD INVOLVE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES. WORKING GROUP BELIEVES THAT CONNECTION BETWEEN BERLIN QUESTION AND GERMAN PROBLEM AS A WHOLE SHOULD BE PRESERVED.
- 4) REPLY TO SOVIET NOTE. FOUR POINTS AT ISSUE (REPORT LISTS THEM AND BRIEFLY NOTES STATUS OF DISCUSSION RE EACH), NOT EXPECTED THAT DRAFT REPLY CAN BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL FOR SOME DAYS.

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